t with the mistaken notion that she heat with the inistance horion that she has dropping a little here and there, then she would suddenly open her hand and all the salt would fall in one place. It is thus that blind fate seasons our with the condiment of adventure.

As a rule we get it in a lump!

This philosophical reflection is suggested by the recent remarkable experie of a young friend of mine. She s a charming girl, blonde, petite and graceful and possessed of a very promshe came to the city. She took up her abode in a genteel boarding house where some friends of hers were living. and everything was very ordinary and commonplace. Her early life had run sommonplace. Her early the had full things a fellow simply can't do."

Spartacus, the gladiator, and there was no reason to suppose that it would not look capable of it."

things a fellow simply can't do."

"I don't see how you can do anything that isn't right," she said. "You don't look capable of it."

and was home again a little after midnight. As she entered the dark room over three or four roofs. Ah, here comes the moon peeped in through the window at her. It was a thin, silver crescent and

heard the ring of it as it fell to the floor. that an nad escaped from the Facing about she saw the dark figure Facing about she saw the dark figure of a man by the door. The form was cuer in her ear, "if you need me no barely distinguishable in the gloom.
Edith tried to scream, but, greatly to her surprise, her voice wouldn't serve can not talk now," she said. "I can not thank you as I would wish to. prise, not fear.

The intruder heard her, however. He had been standing in a stooping posiit," he said earnestly. "There are reahe sprang away from it and faced her at the sound of her choked cry.
"You keep still!" he said in a voice so

monstrously hoarse and rough that she knew it must be assumed. "If you make a noise I'll kill you."

There was just light enough for her to see a shining object in the hand that was outstretched toward her. Edith was brave; most people are

who have been guarded from alarms during their youth. What she lacked was not courage but experience. Courage said: "Keep cool. Don't make a fuss. He won't hurt you." Experience would have said: "Yell like a scared elephant! It's the only chance you've got."
"What do you want?" she demanded.

"What are you doing here?"

there had never been any such stillness before. The house was like a tomb, and

round and round in absurd confusion. There was a sound of steps in the hall. The door of the large room at the rear of the hall was opened. Edith had never

room was occupied by a man. She openher mouth to scream. Now, the burglar being an experience ed person, knew perfectly well that this quite right in-in your mind? Dreadful impulse would seize her at that moment. He knew also that if he sprang upon her her voice would be released from rest?" her throat. Instead he merely thrust his revolver close to her face. The sudden clear view of this object had almost a hypnotic influence. Instead of scream-

ing she started back with a gasp and threw up her hands as if to ward off a "I ain't going to hurt you," growled the man. "I'm going to stay here about two minutes and then I'm goin' to skip. Don't you yell after I'm gone, because if you do I'll come back and fix you

for it. Have you got any money?" "I have only a few cents," she said. and, greatly to her surprise, he seemed to know that she was telling the truth-"Gimme that watch," he continued, and, with wild rage in her heart, mingled with contempt of herself for yielding, she gave him the diamond studded trinket that was her most cherished

How he knew that she had a watch ment. Poor child! She had clutched at face"it in the bosom of her dress the instant he had asked her for her money.

He took it in his hand and then some sudden change seemed to come over him. He sprang back to the door and put his head against it for a moment. "I am-or was your neighbor. I had and cattle in Northern pastures when Then, with frantic haste, he began to the room back of yours in that house Southern cattle have been grazed on feel around on the floor for the key I had just come in when the fire broke the latter, and variously called "bloody He seemed not to pay any attention to out. I ran into the hall. Your door urine," "acclimation fever," "red mur. her, and this was so surprising that she was open. I saw—and, oh, thank heav-rain," "Texas fever," etc., is now defforgot to cry out, though she could have done it then with safety.

She saw that he was fumbling in hi pockets. Then he tried the door with out any attempt to do so quietly. It The stairs were impassible. Somehow ent in the cattle ticks, and when they rattled under his hand, but it was heavy and strong.

"Get matches!" he called over hi shoulder to her. "Light a match and hold it down here on the floor."

She was more than willing to help him get out even though he had her watch, and she ran toward him, fancying that she knew where the key had) fallen. In that instant she realized what

As she came forward a strong and l acrid blast struck her in the face. Smoke was whirling in around the door. A sudden and awful cry arose from the lower part of the house.

"There ain't any fire escapes on this house." said the man in a tone that would have frightened an iron image.

it was so full of terror. "We're locked Journal. in. We're done for.' He shoved the door once more and then groveled on the floor seeking the

key. He was talking to himself. His voice had taken on a different tone. "I must have set it afire with those

matches in the basement." he said. Unless the firemen get us we're gone." Edith was on the floor by this time groping about as madly as he was. And

that is her last memory of the scene. Confused and vague impressions succeeded the actual recollection. She seemed to be clutched by some creature of enormous strength, to be dragged over rough places and then up, up in the dark, where there was no air. There was a sound of fierce blows struck upon some resounding substance and suddenly a sense of peace and safety. It seemed as if she were lying in a field at home where she used to play. There was no

"You're all right now," he said. "We came up through the scuttle. I'll tell

He propped her against some small into her lap. She could see his face quite clearly. It was a dark, handsome manly countenance. The voice was no longer rough; it was of a deep register, but soft and sympathetic in tone. "You risked your life to save me! she cried.

"Well, I couldn't leave you there in dead faint, you know," he responded almost apologetically. "There are some things a fellow simply can't do."

She had been to the theater with her And now you won't be frightened if 1 riends and had had a bit of supper leave you here alone? We're quite a long way from the fire. I've carried you

some people." it looked very nice up there in the sky. man's head appeared. He climbed out Edith threw a couple of cushions on the and another followed. There was quite a foor by the window and sat there gazespecially romantic about it—the moon and the stars were pretty, that was all. How long she sat there she does not stantly, and they all volunteered to acknow. She was suddenly startled by the opening and closing of a door. The key turned in the lock, and then she that all had escaped from the house and

her; it seemed to be cogged like one's Promise me that you will give me another opportunity-and-and-tell me your name."

"Yes, I fully understand, I promise

get into the papers."

"You need have no fear that I will betray you," she replied. "I feel in reme you will."

"To what?"

She thrust her treasure into his hand. seen the lodger there but she knew the He sank back on the lower parti-wall does; but it is a serious blemish. dividing that roof from the next.

"I'm afraid I don't quite understand, he said feebly. "Are you sure you're shock, you know. Wouldn't you better go down into this house and get some

"No. no: I am all right!" she cried. 'Don't hesitate to take the watch. I really mean to give it to you.' "But I could not take such a reward,"

he gasped. 'And as for money and doing things for me-why, I'm not poor, I'm quite well off."

"Then why-why did you do it?" she whispered frantically. "Do what?" he demanded. 'Why what you did tonight?"

gasped.

weapon!" "My poor child," he said tenderly. "this has been a great deal too much for you, hasn't it? I can readily understand how you're upset. But this burglar business really is queer, you

'That dreadful trade!

"You don't mean to deny." she whispered, "that you broke into that house and set it afire by lighting matches in was a mystery to her, even in that mo- the basement and held a pistol in my

> "Did-did somebody do that!" he exclaimed.

"Don't! Don't speak so loud! Denia is useless, and"-

found your watch lying beside you. nore about it."

perhaps, or with joy that this man to year old are equally likely to be atwhom she owed so much was not what tacked by the disease, but they usual. she had thought him.

"How can I thank you? How can beg your pardon?" she asked.

"Easily, easily," said he. "Just don't mention my name. The confounded papers would write me up as a hero. I have a more than mortal horror of that fate. Just let's keep it for our secret, please. As for thanks, some day I may ask for them"-

"And not be denied."-Texas Farm

The office of the Chipley Record was completely destroyed by fire last Fri- impunity-provided no ticks are per- river for an example, we find that this day night, not even a scrap of paper mitted to get into them. The only abbeing saved. We express our sym- solute safety, however, is to be sepathy which is of the sort of knowing cured by getting rid of the cattle ticks. while before the year 1850, we are told how it is ourselves. Last Saturday This can be done very easily and cer-Brother Gardner did not know wheth tainly in one year's time, or even less, culty to ascend as far as Marysville. er his insurance had been renewed or as follows: not, so that the probability is that the The cattle ticks cannot grow and age done by floods of that river is laid

The Orange Situation. The Northern trade exchanges of late you it was a hard fight. But don't you have been saying many hard things worry. Here's your watch. I picked it about Florida oranges. For instance, up off the floor." "A green, disreputable-looking orange has a poor show against a sweet, ripe structure on the roof and put the watch Jamaica or a slick, handsome, even if somewhat immature, California." Or "The demand is lighter than usual, and is filled mostly by California fruit, which, so far, is better colored

> isfactory keeping qualities." But the auctions, perhaps, hit the hardest blows. Take these sales, for instance, from the same auction, same day: "Floridas, 623 boxes, \$2.20@\$3.05: 365 boxes, California navels, \$3.35@\$3.45; budded, \$1.80@\$2.90; 500 boxes Floridas, \$1.95@\$2.80; 61 boxes California navels, \$2.70@\$3.35," etc.

To the unsophisticated Floridian i may seem rather unjust to hurl such epithets as these at our fruit. In the markets of Jacksonville today there are thousands of good oranges; not as good yet as they will be in January, but still very decent oranges, which, by the scale of points of the State Horticultural Society, would class pretty well up in juice characteristics. We saw several dozen boxes from a shedded grove in Volusia county, which, externally, would rank with the best of the old orange belt before the freeze. selling readily right here in Jacksonville at \$2.50 per half-box-two tiers of 96s-or \$5 per full box. This merchant another said somewhat impatiently, in reply to our question: "Oh, green, sour and poor! We have lost all interest in them." Probably his teeth were still on edge from some of the oranges dropped into the fire or a cup of kero- in turn causes again the quicker moreceived six weeks ago.

An old Floridian, sitting with his slippered feet before a pine-knot blaze, enjoying alternately his favorite magazine and a Florida russet, would be a hard man to contend with today to try to convince him that the latter is and destroyed, or will have perished "My name is rather grewsome," said not a little the best orange going. Fill- of starvation, or cold, or wet. This he. "It's Graves David Graves. Don't ing the room with its aroma, full-bod- plan was adopted on the Station farm tell on me, please. I couldn't stand it to led, a fine blend of acid and sugar, at the beginning of our work with catwith?

But in that scale of points there are also induced to adopt it, with like regard to you more than I can say, some uncomfortable things-physical sults. Of the two methods the latter Promise me that you will let me see you characteristics. These, we regret to is to be preferred, since all the ticks again. My name is Edith Mason, and say, control the verdict of the vast ma. on the farm and in the barnyard, etc., and I don't live anywhere now, of jority of mankind, especially of the will be destroyed. The two plans can course, but you can always address me women, who dominate the market and be combined if desired. Georgia Exat Burton's conservatory of music. In- the larder. The greater part of their periment Station. deed you can see me there. Promise lives is passed in the study of physical characteristics, though they sim-"I promise gladly," he said.

"And meanwhile," she continued, "don't let anything drive you to—to "don't let anything drive you to—to"

"I promise gladly," he said.

"Forests and Their Influence.

The influence of the forest on the climatic conditions of a country and its condensed over a wooded than over a learned phrasing by calling them form, figure, beauty, etc.

The old Floridian does not look very climatic conditions of a country and its hard at his orange; he may glance a power to draw moisture from above little at the oil-cells, then he weighs and below is a subject that has attract-"Burglary," she whispered, quaking. It in his hard. He notices sundry dis. ed widespread attention. The preser-Edith keep still. It seemed to her that "It must be some terrible need that figurements of the peel; for instance, vation of the forest is as necessary to forces a man like you to such a life. I a certain dark shade, in some instances a high state of civilization as the well can help you. My family and my almost a "seal-brown," as the ladies cultivated farm and no one is more the whole city outside was listening and friends will do anything for you if you would say. It is a new affliction, mel-dependent upon its products and influence than the farmer, in fact, to him rain is therefore attracted by wooded "I must think, I must think," the girl money, as I told you, but-but won't the old familiar russet disease; it is it should be of equal importance to see was saying to herself, but she couldn't you take my watch? It was so good of darker. Sometimes it occurs in de- the forest as well taken care of and think. She knew this man was a burglar you to restore it to me. Take it and tached, round spots, as if drops of in as high state of cultivation as his but all her other ideas went whirling sell it and pay your way until you and some caustic had fallen on the peel and farm, because wooded areas are most can talk and come to some decision slightly burned it, causing these spots essential in producing the atmospheric about what you can do. Please, please, to shrink and dry down. It does not conditions which will insure the tiller generally injure the flavor of the or- of the soil reward for his labor. Thereange, any more than the russet color fore in the economic household of the

> ern city, a leader of fashion, selecting every industry which adds to the fruit to be presented to her guests at wealth of the states and the comfort of a holiday banquet, in a dish of cut its people. The carelessness with which ments of the table in like elegance, despoilation of our mountain sides of spotless linen, celery brightly greenwhat would be her verdict? "Oh, the idly beginning to tell on the resources stretch of imagination, our old Florid- forest. ian seated at that resplendent board, he would probably himself be ashamed of the rough-looking orange which he by the air and sun and wind to reach would have enjoyed so greatly in his the soil, must of necessity cause cozy room before the pine-knot blaze, rapid evaporation and will result ofwithout once thinking how it looked. How could our homely russet compare nia navels, smug and smirk, with its face as bright as a schoolboy's just sweeping over the open and unpro washed, and its one big pop-eye wide tected country, to rapidly diminish the open to see what was going on? To be admitted to that company even the valley, and a country denuded of its Texas peecus have to be polished like pickles and the tea are colored-even rainfall has remained nearly the same. if poisoned by it the coffee is strained This is now the case in most of the and clarified. What chance has a half. breed orange, let alone a black one?-

Texas Cattle Fever.

The disease that has so long attack-"Miss' Mason," he said very gently. ed cattle when brought to the South, en that I saw-the white of your initely known to be conveyed to cattle what has been called the arid belt, are dress upon the floor within. You had by the common cattle tick, and the acfainted. In picking you up in my arms cepted scientific name is "splenic fever." The germ of the disease is preswe got to the roof. I don't know any attack a cow that has never had the it by slow percolation to reach the redisease it is communicated to the cow She took both his hands by a sudden and usually develops in a few days, mpulse and looked into his face. Then and generally results in the death of she laughed with sheer nervousness the infected cow. Calves under one ly recover. Cattle raised in the South. on a farm that has been ridden of ticks, are liable to the disease whenever grazed in pasture or ranges where there are ticks. In this way, annually, many Southern raised cattle are at-

tacked and destroyed. The liability of Northern cattle to ly deterred Southern farmers from inbe introduced on Southern farms with

did, the entire round of life from egg to egg again, covering not more than The damage done by the loss of for the eggs that may be laid late in the and steep mountains, a self reproducfall will go through the winter and tion of the forest is very doubtful and hatch during the spring. In the ex- where it has been totally destroyed by than the Floridas, and has more sat-

tion of pasture. If the cattle are tak- it. The first rainstorm of the season ticks will all have perished of starva. ashes, debris and soll down the mountion by November. If taken off in mid- tain sides and, in the rapid movement summer, there will be no ticks the next of the water over it, the now bare soil until November, there will probably be successive rain more of the fertile soil a few ticks in the pasture as late as is removed and finally the hillsides are July 1, of the following summer. Of left totally barren and incapable of recourse care must be taken not to have gaining any forest growth. any ticks on the cows when again The rainfall of a country must al turned in the pasture. (2) This plan most of necessity decrease under such depends on destroying the ticks on the conditions and certainly be of less bencows. Twice a week every animal efit, and to speak of the torrential should be closely inspected and every floods, which are caused by the water's tick destroyed. Where they are very rapid descent from the bare mountain numerous and small they may be ef- sides and of which the large stones. fectually destroyed by rubbing the in- over which all our streams enter the fected parts thoroughly with any kind valley below, tell a tale. It is also cerwas not quarreling with Floridas, but of grease. A mixture of four pounds tain frosts will be of more frequent of axle grease with one pound of kero. occurrence under these conditions and sene is very effective. Of course the the difference between day and night older, nearly mature ticks will be removed by hand, or scraped off and the more rapid rotation of heat which

sene oil. If this plan be carefully followed "cowpen" constantly decreasing num. bers of young ticks, until in a few months all will have been brought up sprightly-what are you quarreling the and was completely successful in one season. Neighboring farmers were

state forest culture should be the most Offer a melanose or even a dark rus- important branch of agriculture and is set or ange to a grand dame in a North- more or less vitally connected with glass flashing like crystal, or one of we have regarded this resource and polished silver, with the other appoint- through which we have permitted the their moisture preserving shade is rap-

horrid, ugly things!" Supposing, by a depending upon the preservation of the The cutting down, or burning of great areas of forest, permitting thereten by the therewith connected cooling process in those high winds, which in such grand company with Califor- have been so disastrous to our fruit interests and which help, by moisture contained in the soil of the forests may become so dry as to make mahogany, the flour for the bread is the raising of grain prohibitive in spite bolted again and again, the butter, the of the fact that the amount of annual countries in inner Asia, such as Persia and Syria, which formerly, before the mountains were denuded, supported a teeming population and raised armies of millions of men, and also on our own continent in Arizona, for instance, where we find evidences of the

existence of great cities miles in circumference. Throughout the valleys of the interior east of us, especially the Mohave desert and like localities, all through evidences of great water courses, but as there is no large area of forest with that sponge-like leaf mold which retains the moisture and partly allows servoirs below, which again spend their surplus by way of springs at a lower level, partly feeds plant life and keeps the atmosphere moist through evaporation, the rain, coming down in sheets, will flow off quickly and form those roaring torrents which carry away with them the last vestige of good soil and finally leave the country a barren, windswept and sand-beaten desert. But even where conditions like those do not exist, the destruction of the forests has everywhere in the world, new and old, done great damtake splenic fever has heretofore large. age aside from the change in climatic conditions. Almost all the navigable troducing improved breeds from the streams show a marked decrease in North. Bear in mind that animals the volume of water which passes a that are brought from the North, and given point and an increase in the octhat have never had the fever, may currence of destroying floods. To take in our own country the Sacramento stream now is navigable only in the rainy season as far as Sacramento. ships of moderate draft had no diffithe year round. A great deal of damloss is a total one to him.—DeFuniak come to maturity except on a cow. at the door of hydraulic mining, and, When a young female tick gets on a I think, a great deal unjustly. It is

The very excellent woman who was single pain in the throat, happy and strange pain in her throat, happy and hatch in fifteen to twenty days, and the young ticks do not move more than a few inches from their birth spot, but climb up on weeds, spears of grass, In the old country, where like condietc., and are ready to get onto any tions are existing, very costly efforts passing animal. If a bovine (cow are now being made to remedy the evil. kind), the tick proceeds as its parent |-Mrs Lilla B, clk, bds 724 w Duval

-* Lottie, laund, res 1307 Julia four weeks, except in late summer and est growth will nowhere be felt quick-Very few, if any, young ticks go er than in Southern California. With through the winter on the ground, but our limited amount of annual rainfall treme South it is said that a few late fire, next to impossible. An area burnt hatched ticks will survive the winter. over by one of our flerce mountain The essential point to be observed is fires is despoiled of all vegetable mattwo ways: (1) Keep all cattle off the ter, because, everything being so dry, pasture to be disinfected for a greater or less time, according to the date at growth, but consumes, too, all seed and which a beginning is made. This may vegetable mould, which covers the be accomplished by an annual rota. ground, and bakes the soil and kills en off the pasture in the spring the then washes all the lighter part of the spring. If not taken off the pasture is unable to absorb it and with each

temperature be greater as a result of tion of the atmosphere. After the common laws of heat, the dryer the atmosthe cattle will daily bring up to the phere the more rapid is the rotation of heat and the cooler the atmosphere, the drier it will be. An atmosphere saturated with vapor will check radiation with seventy times the power of a dry atmosphere. These facts are the cause why killing frosts occur far more rarely in wet than in dry winters. Now, if we have a dry, consequently cool mountain atmosphere and a naturally warmer atmosphere in the valley, the radiation will be very rapid and result in frost at the lowest point. Should, however, the mountain atmos. phere be well saturated with moisture as a result of being well forested, because a tree will exhale in moisture more than its own weight within 40 hours, then the radiation of heat will pare region. Extended observations in Europe have proven that there is a larger amount of rainfall over the forest than over the adjoining open country, because evaporation and its cooling influence is naturally greater over regions. For the same reasons, that is, on account of evaporation, the temperature of the forest is lower at daytime

and higher at night time than in the Finally the forest acts as a shield against and moderator of prevailing winds. It is well known that while the wind may sweep with great velocity over the tops of trees, it is comparatively quiet within the forest, Rows of trees planted in regular intervals will give the same protection and a space eleven times the height of the trees will be sheltered.

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"When is the open season for shooting stars?"

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Let it be understood that this small

Machinery for the new plant will be begin early in the year 1901 .-- Bartow

If cattle get fat and furnish fairly Orlando for the purpose of establish- good beef for market on the thin, wating a canning establishment to put up ery Florida grasses, what would they pineapples. It has always been the do on good cultivated grasses. For ers to produce the largest and finest cream and butter no grass is superior fruit to be found in the world. And to Bermuda. It is easy to cultivate this effort has come nearer resulting in and will exist and do tolerably well on complete success than most undertak- white sand, furnishing a beautiful carings. The Orlando pines have establipet of green. It is also a suppresser lished a reputation until the demand of fleas. Do not root it out or attempt for the fruit is far in excess of the to do it. There is plenty of room in supply. The industry has grown at a Florida for years to come. Five to ten remarkable rate, and the acreage of acres in this grass will furnish as much

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